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- 1. DEPARTMENT (S/NM) HAS REVIEWED THE TNPD GE RADIO PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION PROPOSED IN REFTELS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT TNPD HAS STANDARDIZED ON THE MOTOROLA HT-220 FOR WHICH IT HAS SPARES AND MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY AND THAT THE GE RADIOS CANNOT 0E ADEQUATELY MAINTAINED, WE WONDER IF REPLACEMENT WITH NEW GE MODELS WOULD NOT SIMPLY PROLONG THE PROBLEM.
- 2. WE REQUEST YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GE OFFER TO RECONDITION 81 OF THE RADIOS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLS. 10,000. TO PROVIDE FOR TNPD NARCOTICS CONTROL REQUIREMENTS DURING RECONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DITIONING IN JAPAN AND FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OF THE WARRANTY ON THE GE RADIOS, WE WOULD PROCURE 40 MOTOROLA HT-220'S (-STIMATED PROCUREMENT TIME, 90 DAYS) AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME COST AS THE SPECIAL GE TRADE-IN OFFER FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE 99 PRESENT SETS WITH NEW MODEL GE'S.

3. THE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED ABOVE WOULD AVOID USING NEW

FUNDS TO PERPETUATE THE PROBLEM OF NON-STANDARD RADIOS AND SHOULD MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE TNPD.

4. REQUEST REPLY ASAP. VANCE

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